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SUBJECT: US/ROC BILATERAL (MTN) TALKS

REF: STATE 121781

1. THIS MESSAGE ANSWERS PARA 1 OF REFTEL REGARDING THE
20 PERCENT "UPLIFT" OR "SURCHARGE" USED BY ROC CUSTOMS
IN VALUATION OF GOODS BEFORE AD VALOREM TARIFF IS APPLIED
TO ARRIVE AT CUSTOMS DUTIES PAYABLE.

2. REFTEL CITES TAIPEI 6146 OF SEPTEMBER 10, 1976 AS
BASIC SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON DUTY UPLIFT AND OTHER
NTM'S. CLARIFICATION OF DUTY UPLIFT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY
GIVEN IN TAIPEI 7096 OCTOBER 19, 1976.

3. EMBASSY IS QUITE CERTAIN THAT UPLIFT IS UNIVERSALLY
APPLIED TO ALL DUTIABLE IMPORTS. SECTION 2 OF CUSTOMS
LAW, AS AMENDED, IS ENTITLED DUTY-PAYING VALUE AND
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ARTICLE 12 THEREUNDER READS, IN PART, AS FOLLOWS:
"THE DUTY-PAYING VALUE OF IMPORTED GOODS LIABLE TO CUSTOMS
DUTY SHALL BE DETERMINED AND CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF
THEIR TRUE C.I.F. PRICE PLUS 20 PERCENT."

4. HARBOR AND AIRPORT DUES OF 4 PERCENT ARE UNIVERSALLY
ASSESSED AND AGAIN THIS CHARGE IS CALCULATED ON THE DUTY

PAYING VALUE RATHER THAN CIF VALUE.

5. DETAILED EXPLANATION OF SURCHARGES IS CONTAINED IN
TAIPE 1000 OF FEBRUARY 17 WHICH RESPONDED TO CONGRESSIONAL
INQUIRY RE HIGH TARIFF ON WATER COOLERS.

6. MARKET RESEARCH ON TARGET INDUSTRIES CONDUCTED ON
BEHALF OF US TRADE CENTER INVARIABLY CONTAINS FOLLOWING
FORMULA FOR DETERMINING CUSTOMS DUTIES AND LANDED COST:

A. CIF PRICE (FOB, INSURANCE AND FREIGHT)
TIMES 1.2 EQUALS THE DUTY PAYING VALUE (DPV)

B. DPV TIMES THE CUSTOMS DUTY RATE EQUALS COST OF
IMPORT DUTY

C. DPV TIMES HARBOR DUES (4 PERCENT) EQUALS HARBOR TAX

D. CIF PLUS COST OF IMPORT DUTY PLUS COST OF HARBOR
DUES EQUALS LANDED COST.

FOB	US DOLLARS 100.00
INSURANCE AND	
FREIGHT	31.50
TOTAL	131.50
DPV	(157.80)
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CUSTOMS DUTY, 35 PERCENT	55.23
HARBOR DUE, 4 PERCENT	6.31
LANDED COST	193.04

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